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June 19, 2017

OFFICE OF GENERAL

Attn: Ruth Heilizer  
Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E. State Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20463

MUR # 7254

Re: Illegal Campaign Donation

Dear Ms. Heilizer:

This letter is a follow-up to your letter dated March 8, 2017 which responded to my February 25, 2017 complaint letter and stated that my letter did not meet the standards for a filing a complaint under the Federal Election Campaign Act. A copy of this letter is attached for your reference. Since that letter, I was able to find additional information which I will detail below. Please accept this letter as a formally filed and notarized complaint, organized to address specific items listed in your letter.

Clear and Concise Recitation of the Facts Describing the Violation

On June 16, 2016 at 7:30PM, I received an email confirmation from a Team Trump email address (confirmation@revv.co) thanking me for a generous donation of \$5 noting that this email was paid for by Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. Thinking that my email had been hacked and possibly my bank accounts and credit cards, I checked my accounts for a \$5.00 withdrawal. No withdrawal had occurred or has occurred to Revv or Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. since the date of this email. Curious about the donation platform, I visited it and found that there was no ability to donate in increments less than \$10 and there was no way to write in a donation.

On June 19, 2016, I responded to the email stating that this donation was made without my authorization, it was done in a fraudulent manner, and it was not a donation that I would have made. I requested that a \$5 check be sent to me so that I could make a donation of my choice.

A copy of my June 19, 2016 response email with the June 16, 2016 email from Team Trump is attached. I was fortunate to find this email in the memory of one of my devices, however, the original email and my response seems to have been removed from my internet provider account. This is particularly distressing because I would not have deleted it from this account - especially since I note in my response email that I was going to file a complaint with the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

As of the date of this letter, I have not received a response to my June 19, 2016 email or a check for \$5 from Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. I did receive campaign emails until I unsubscribed from them on or about August 13, 2016. I have also not received a response from Revv, the operator of the platform which should have received and acted on my reply. It should be noted that this platform does not provide a way to "unsubscribe" from a donation via the confirmation email. In addition, the

fraudulent use of their platform now subjects me to having my personal information shared by Revv in accordance with a privacy policy that I did not consent to. This information can be shared with the campaign, state agencies that oversee elections, third parties employed by the campaign, etc. in addition to the FEC.

After the inauguration, I received a "suitable for framing" ceremonial inaugural invitation from the 58th Presidential Inaugural Committee on heavy card stock. A copy of which is attached to this package. This is evidence of the unwillingness of Revv or the campaign to take my complaint seriously enough to remove my name from their donor records.

#### Supporting Documentation

Supporting documentation of this complaint is as follows:

- My June 19, 2016 response email that includes the June 16, 2016 notification from Donald J. Trump for President, Inc. of the donation
- Ceremonial Inaugural Invitation from the 58th Presidential Inaugural Committee

#### Formal Written Complaint and Notorization

Please accept this letter as my formal written complaint regarding this matter. My signature at the end of this letter is notarized by a New Jersey Notary Public with a valid commission and is sworn to by me..

#### Full Name and Address of Person Making the Complaint

Rebecca J. Jones

Titusville, NJ 08560

#### Person or Entities Alleged to Have Committed a Violation

Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.  
c/o Trump Tower  
735 5th Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

The Owners and Operators of Revv, the operator of the revv.co donation platform including Nick Marcelli, Gerrit Lansing, and Chris Georgia, Co-Founders and Sikandar Shukla, Chief Technology Officer

Revv, LLC  
1920 Street NW Suite 325  
Washington, DC 20036

#### Source of the Information on Which the Complaint is Based

June 16, 2016 email from Team Trump (a/k/a Donald J. Trump for President Inc.) delivered by the revv.co donation platform.

Additional Considerations

While my letter of February 25, 2017 did not meet the requirements for a formal complaint under the Federal Election Campaign Act, it does bring up concerns that I have with the electronic donation platforms. These concerns include the use of stolen personal information to funnel illegal funds to campaigns, the lack of a mechanism to flag donations made illegally in one's name, the expungement of my name from donor records, the necessity of an electronic audit trail for electronic donations, and the possibility that Commission regulations need to be strengthened to address new technology. Please accept this letter as documentation of my concerns.

Thank you for considering this request for enforcement. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Rebecca J. Jones

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017



ID# 50027277

My Commission Expires on July 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

NICHOLAS J. LEARY  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JULY 28, 2020

encl:

June 16, 2016 email from Team Trump (a/k/a Donald J. Trump for President Inc.) delivered by the revv.co donation platform.

Ceremonial Inaugural Invitation from the 58th Presidential Inaugural Committee

February 25, 2017 letter to the Federal Election Commission

March 8, 2017 Federal Election Commission Response letter

From: Rebecca Jones  
Subject: Re: Thank you for donating!  
Date: Jun 19, 2016, 5:54:55 PM  
To: Team Trump confirmation@revv.co

The donation you are referring to in this email was made without my authorization. It was done in a fraudulent manner and is not a donation that I would have made. Because I do not want my name searched in the Federal Election Commission's individual donor database and associated with this campaign, I am requesting that you send me a \$5 check so that I can make a donation to a charity of my choice. I will also be filing a complaint with the Federal Election Commission to make them aware of these types of fraudulent transactions.

I await your \$5 check. I am assuming that you also have my address.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Jones.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 16, 2016, at 7:31 PM, Team Trump <[confirmation@revv.co](mailto:confirmation@revv.co)> wrote:



Rebecca,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$5. Your support matters now more than ever because the stakes are so high.

We must stop Crooked Hillary from ruining our country. We must thwart the slew of bias and lies the mainstream media is feeding

**America. We MUST win BIG in November and Make America Great Again! Your donation will help us accomplish this -- and more.**

**Together, our voices are becoming louder and clearer, representing a bright new future for our great nation full of more opportunities for everyone, not just a select few.**

**We thank you for your continuous support,**

## Team TRUMP

Paid for by Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.

[Unsubscribe](#)

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*Presidential Inaugural Committee  
Commemorative Invitation  
1789 - 2017*

*On January 20, 2017, our nation honored the 58th inauguration of the President and Vice President of the United States of America. This special occasion celebrated the triumph of our democracy with a peaceful transition of power and the shared ideal that make its continuance possible.*

*Please accept this invitation as our gift to commemorate the inauguration of Donald John Trump as the 45th President of the United States of America and Michael Richard Pence as 48th Vice President of the United States of America.*

*The 58th Presidential Inaugural Committee  
Thomas J. Barrack, Jr.  
Chairman*



*The Committee for  
The Presidential Inaugural  
requests the honor of your presence  
to attend and participate in the Inauguration of  
Donald John Trump  
as President of the United States of America  
and  
Michael Richard Pence  
as Vice President of the United States of America  
on Friday, the twentieth of January  
two thousand and seventeen  
in the City of Washington*



Rebecca J. Jones

Titusville, NJ 08560

February 25, 2017

Office of the General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E. State Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20463

Re: Illegal Campaign Donation

To whom it may concern:

At some point prior to July 10, 2016, I received an email from Donald J. Trump's campaign that I had donated \$5.00 to his campaign through an electronic donation website. Thinking that my email had been hacked and possibly my bank accounts and credit cards, I checked my accounts for a \$5.00 withdrawal. No withdrawal had occurred. I promptly sent an email back to the only identifying contact point in the email, a web address to the electronic donation site, asking that the \$5.00 be returned to me and that I would make a donation to the charity of my choice. I felt that in the absence of the true donator, it was better for me to receive the \$5.00 than let the campaign keep it illegally. I received no answer back and no check for \$5.00 (it obviously couldn't be sent back electronically). Out of my curiosity at the time, I visited the donation website which I seem to recall was in Colorado. No donations smaller than \$10 could be made electronically from the radio buttons on the site. I also don't recall the ability to write in your own donation so there would have been no way to make a \$5 donation. Subsequent to the illegal donation, I began to receive campaign emails starting on July 10, 2016 and continued to receive them until I unsubscribed sometime around August 13, 2016.

In writing this letter, I wanted to include both of my emails (the one received from the Trump campaign and the one that I sent asking for the donation back), however, they are no longer on my Verizon web email account. This greatly distresses me because I do not have a consistent habit of cleaning out my emails and I presently have over 6,000 emails on my site, mostly from retail stores. That said, when I want to find something, I can find it using the email search. A search for "Trump" did not return these emails but returned 7 emails directly related to the campaign which I did not erase. I certainly would not have erased either email given that I was concerned about the illegality of the donation. Interestingly, I did not receive any print materials from the campaign.

Since the summer, I have vacillated back and forth about whether to write a letter over \$5. This could have been a joke by one of my Trump-supporter friends – illegal, but possibly made to give them a rather misguided satisfaction that I would be pestered

electronically and in the mail by their candidate. And today, I even considered not writing the letter because I could not find the emails. That said, I feel that it is my duty to write this letter for the following reasons:

First, this may be tangible evidence of outside meddling in the election similar to small charges that show up on hacked credit cards before a large charge is taken - possibly made with the hope that a registered Republican such as myself wouldn't mind being credited with a donation that they didn't make and wouldn't bother complaining about the paltry sum of \$5. Like credit card hackers that get rich over taking small amounts of money, my concern is that this campaign may have done the same.

Second, I am concerned that campaign managers and treasurers using electronic donation websites do not have mechanisms for detecting illegal and fraudulent donations and for responding to citizens like myself by taking actions to correct the problem. I had no way of getting justice for a complaint about an illegal donation that was subsequently ignored. It is also important to note that all of this was done with an email address that I have used for retail stores and financial institutions, some of which have had security breaches. Although I have never been the victim of identity fraud financially through my email address, I feel that I have been victimized by the usurping of my First Amendment Freedom of Speech Rights as a United States citizen by the Trump Campaign through this fraudulent use. Ultimately, I would like to have a record of donation to this campaign expunged from your records after resolution of this issue.

Third, since there is an electronic trail of everything these days, a \$5 donation and a \$2700 (maximum) donation made electronically should have the same "paper trail" in any electronic donation system regulated by the Federal Election Commission. Additionally, a forensic investigation of my complaint should be relatively simple since security and backup systems can date stamp actions, track manipulation of computer software, and restore deleted emails at the donation website server. While I realize that sometimes regulations do not always keep up with technology, I would hope that if there is a gap in current regulations, it would be addressed using this letter as justification.

Thank you for considering this request for enforcement. I look forward to hearing from you in the hopes that you can identify the source of this \$5 donation.

Sincerely,

  
Rebecca J. Jones

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NOTARY PUBLIC OF N.J.  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT 6, 2019



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

March 8, 2017

Rebecca J. Jones

Titusville, NJ 08560

Dear Ms. Jones:

This is in response to your letter, which the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") received on March 7, 2017. According to your letter, you received an email which appeared to come from the Donald Trump presidential campaign, and which stated that you had made a \$5 contribution to the Trump campaign. You said that you did not authorize the contribution, you could not find a \$5 withdrawal from your banking accounts, and the given donation website address appeared to be different from the one mentioned in the email (for example, the lowest contribution level was \$10, not \$5). You express concern over the possible hacking of campaign websites to obtain contributors' credit card information, you believe that campaigns may not have the mechanisms to identify hackers and fraud, and you believe that donations made electronically should have a so-called "paper trail."

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act") and Commission regulations require that a complaint meet certain requirements. Your letter does not appear to meet these requirements. Specifically, your letter did not include a clear and concise recitation of facts describing violations of the Act over which the Commission has jurisdiction, nor was your letter notarized or sworn. Consequently, the Commission can take no action at this time unless the allegations are refiled meeting the requirements for a properly filed complaint.

If you desire the Commission to look into the matters discussed in your letter to determine if the Act has been violated, a formal complaint as described in 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) must be filed. Requirements of this section of the law, and Commission regulations at 11 C.F.R. § 111.4, which are a prerequisite to Commission action, are detailed below:

- (1) A formal complaint should contain a clear and concise recitation of the facts describing the violation of a statute or law over which the Commission has jurisdiction (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (2) Your letter was not notarized, nor was it sworn to, as required by the Act. The contents of a complaint must be sworn to and signed in the presence of a notary public (52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1)). The notary must indicate as part of the

jurat that such swearing occurred. The preferred form is "Subscribed and sworn to before me on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_". In addition:

- (3) A formal complaint should be accompanied by supporting documentation if known and available to the person making the complaint. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (4) A complaint must be in writing. (52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1)).
- (5) A formal complaint must contain the full name and address of the person making the complaint. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (6) A formal complaint should clearly identify as a respondent each person or entity who is alleged to have committed a violation. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).
- (7) A formal complaint should identify the source of information upon which the complaint is based. (11 C.F.R. § 111.4).

Please include your telephone number, as well as the full names and addresses of all respondents.

I am enclosing a brochure summarizing the Act and Commission regulations. If I can be of any additional assistance, please contact me at 202-694-1650.

Sincerely,



Ruth Heilizer  
Attorney  
Complaints Examination  
& Legal Administration

Enclosure:  
FEC Brochure